GOD'S holy Name, AND HIS TRUTH EXALTED

BY THE

Testimony of his Faithful Servants who have suffered the Cruel Penalty of BANISHMENT from their Native Country by the RULERS thereof:

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AS ALSO

An ABSTRACT of their Names, with some of the Barbarous Dealings and Useages they received and sustained from the hands of those Instruments that were imployed in the Imbarquing of them.

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Doth not the Teares run down the Widdowes Cheeks, and her Cry is against him that caused them, for from her Cheeks do they go up unto Heaven, and the Lord which heareth them doth accept them, and the Lord will not be slack, nor the Almighty will not tarry long from them, till he hath smitten in sunder the loynes of the unmercifull, and avenged himself of the Heathen, till he have taken away the multitudes of the Cruell, and broken the Scepter of the Unrighteous, till he give every Man after his works, and reward them after their devices, till he have judged the Cause of his People, and comforted them with his mercies, Ecclesiasticus 35. *ver.* 15. & 18.

They are Abrahams *Children who are of* Abrahams *faith; who forsook his native Country, Fathers house, and his own Kindred, and followed the Lord he knew not whither,* Gal. 3. 7. Gen. 12.

And they are of Cains *seed who are found in* Cains *nature, who slew his Brother because his own works were evill and his Brother's Righteous,* 1 *John* 3. 12.

Unto which is annexed *Englands* sad estate and condition lamented. (Written by *George Fox* the younger, in the beginning of the year 1661.) In which are some Prophesies that now are fulfilled and fulfilling.

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The Epistle to the Reader.

FRIEND,

THou that reads this ensuing Relation, will find what hath been dispenced to us from the hands of the men of this Generation, and as thy mind is kept cool out of prejudice, thou wilt also be able to judge in thy measure concerning our sufferings, as to ourselves we are well satisfied, and in the will of God do rest and acquiesce: But to satisfie many who desire to be informed, this Relation is wrote, and also in order to Record, and the reason why it is so suddenly brought forth, is, because the Mortality of Mankind is great in this City, where these things have been done and committed, and eternity presseth sore on this Generation, and a remisness herein might make void the record of our testimony, which Record will have a place, amongst all the faithful witnesses of God, for his holy truth

very Generation to this day, and the very end of recording the actions of men in their several Generations, is for the benefit of their Successors, *and undoubted the next Generation must judge the works of their Ancestors, & think it not strange we receive such hard measure from the hands of the* Rulers *of this Nation, for the holy record of Scriptures are fulfilled on this Generation, which saith,* They shall hale you before Magistrates, and they shall imprison you; and whosoever shall kill you shall think he doth God good service: *And he who spake forth these words suffered from the same seed that ministers our sufferings unto us; which seed is one, even from the begining to this day, there are but two, the* persecuting seed, *and the* persecuted seed, *and these are known by their fruits,* For, Grapes are not gathered of Thorns, nor Figgs upon Thistles: *And our sufferings have been multiplyed very much since the return of this Power, & heightened even to* BANISHMENT, *which is more severe then death it self, the Lord permiting it so to be we are content; though I must tell thee, as we are a people and a considerable one in* England, *our Conditions and promises from* BREDA, *and since so often repeated, was neither* Imprisonment *nor* Banishment, *but these things with our just cause we leave to the* Righteous God *to judge.*

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God's holy Name magnified, &c.

PErſecution in the World is no new thing, for ſuch as manifeſts a holy and blameleſs life, in that Generation in which they are brought forth, doth aſſuredly meet with it, and it hath been the practiſe in every Generation, from *Caine* downward, and all in his nature, even to this day, to Perſecute God in his appearance, in his Servants and Saints, as is plentifully ſeen and made known in this our day, and Generation, which is the product of this *Relation*, and the *Rulers* and *Prieſts* have been, and are they that act theſe *Cruelties* upon God's holy Saints, the *Prieſt* with Tongue, the *Magiſtrate* with Fiſt, and ſo is *Perſecution* brought forth; and between theſe two, are, and have been all the *Rapes*, *Spoyles*, *Injuries*, *Impriſonments*, *Deaths*, *Baniſhments*, and all manner of cruel exerciſes inflicted upon the People of the Lord for their Conſciences to him, and in every Generation *Perſecution* hath according to the manifeſtation of God, been leſs or more exerciſed; For this is infallible, *the greater appearance of God in Fleſh, the greater Perſecution, raiſed by the Devil in Fleſh*, and here is the miſtery of the two Seeds ſhewed, and each Seed beares its Fathers Image, and ſo they come to be known, and *eternal* enmity is placed between them, therefore the holy Witneſſes for God in every Generation, have ſuſtained more or leſs of *Perſecution*, according as is ſaid, to the manifeſtation and appearance of God in them, raiſed up and held forth in Teſtimony unto the World, and as this appearance of God comes to be lived in and unto, then the World is teſtified againſt, *that the deeds thereof are evil*; And here firſt begins *Perſecution*, and thoſe that perſevere in faithfulneſs unto what God hath manifeſted, they meet with ſuch meaſure from *Rulers* and *Prieſts*, as is hereafter declared and we the People of God, called **Quakers** have by Gods permiſſion felt the weight of their perſecuting hands this many years, even ever ſince the Lord hath called us forth to teſtify unto his truth in this Nation, and our ſufferings have both abounded and multiplyed in theſe few years paſt: and as ſufferings

abounded, so hath the love of God increased unto us; we living Witnesses of it, praises, praises unto our God for ever, and we have a Witness for God in every *Persecuter's* Conscience in *England* of what rank or quality soever, that our sufferings are not neither have been for evil doing, for if by their Provocations, they could have drawn us forth to have retaliated unto them in the same spirit the measure unto us, they had gotten their ends, but O the admired patience that God hath indued his People with, in that his mercy hath preserved us from staining our hands, with such *poluted works*, and so our sufferings are and have been on the Lord's account, from the beginning even to this very day, and as to our *Imprisonments* of sundry kinds, and the *Injury* we have sustained thereby is at this time omited, because a *Relation* of the useage of my friends and brethren which did befall them from *Newgate* to their *Ships* into which they were drove for *Banishment*, after their long *Imprisonment*, in that *Jaques* or stinking *Cell* in which they were held, is the thing intended at this time.

And the first that entred the List of this *Conflict* and sore Trial for their holy Testimonies, are these three Worthyes of the Lord, *Edward Brush*, *Robert Hayes*, and *James Harding*, who on the 24*th* of the *Month*, called *March* 6$\frac{3}{4}$. was very betimes in the morning without any warning scarce given unto them, hurried down to *Black Friers Staires* by some of the *Serviles* of *Newgate*, where they were put into a *Boate*, and so rowed down to *Graves end*, and there they were forced on Board for *Banishment*, the former of which was very aged, and his grey Haires might have wrought compassion in the hearts of his *Persecuters*, besides the testimony of his life amongst whom he *lived*, for he was well known to some *Aldermen* in this place, but the Lord hath drawn out his life unto this time, and God hath honoured him in his old age, to seale his testimony unto his truth, by *Cruell Banishment*, who for his sake only and alone left *Wife*, *Child*, *Estate*, and what ever was neer and deer unto him: The second was *Robert Hayes*, as abovesaid, who being taken out of the Prison having received no sustenance, and his body being very weak, he until that very morning having been in a Course of *purging Physick*, and for any thing I know it might not have done operating with him, was in this Case carried forth upon the Water, and the morning being exceeding cold, and no refreshment afforded unto him between that and *Graves end*, within a

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ſhort time after he was forced a board, he dyed, and his body was brought up to *London* which was interred amongſt his Brethren, and ſo he ſealed his Teſtimony for God's Truth, with his blood and his name is added to the number of the *ſlaughtered Sheep of God* in this Generation, who have been ſlain in *England*, he was a Man as to his yeares, and according to natures courſe, (had it not as I may ſay been for that *inhumane* and *barbarous* uſeage he ſuſtained) that might have lived many yeares; So deer *Edward Bruſh*, and his companion in Tribulation, *James Harding* was the firſt in *England* that have taſted the fruit of *exile* from their native Land in which they were born, and out of that *City* in which their *Privileges* and *Franchiſes* are as *ample* as the *Chief Magiſtrate* himſelf, (ſetting his Office aſide) but this we know, that *Pretious in the ſight of God are the death of his Saints.*

And thus hath God ſuffer'd theſe things to befall theſe three faithful ſervants of his, in whom his Name is magnified, and his truth exalted, Praiſes, praiſes, living praiſes to him be given for ever: Yet nevertheleſs, God who loved them, was not long before he viſited this *City* with a rebuke, and that they might take notice of it, within a few doors of that faithful Man's houſe E. B. a houſe was ſhut up (as was ſaid) of the *Plague*, and indeed it was the firſt that I ever heard of in the *City*; ſo *the preſident of your wrath, was attended with an example of judgment, and that from the hand of the Lord*; and an entrance being made into this work, not withſtanding the *wrath* and fury of the Lord did hang over this *City* like a Cloud over-burdened with rain, and ready to pour forth; and having by cruel threats overcome the *Shipmaſters* to make them the Executioners of their cruel edict or Law, and taking this advantage by an *Embargoe* laid upon all *Merchants Ships* out-bound, except a paſs from under the hand of the *Admiral* obtained, none might paſs forth of the *River*; and many *Shipmaſters* having layn long in hopes of an accompliſhment of their intended Voyages, were now fruſtrate, for a paſs they muſt go, and that would not be granted, except they would embarque ſome *Quakers* aboard, each of them to be ſcattered into the ſeveral *Iſlands*, into which they were bound, and though ſeveral of the *Shipmaſters* did withſtand the thing, uſing many good Arguments to avoid the execution of the cruel penalty, urging the Law made, commanded not them, and that there is a Law in *England* unrepealed that pro-

bites the transporting of any person out of this Nation without his or her proper consent; and as some of these *Shipmasters* knows and have been given to know, the last *executive Officer* is the *Sheriffe*, and that he is to *contract* with any *Shipmaster* for their *Transportation*; but I find not in the Law that the *Sheriffe* hath power to compell any man to bargain with him, no more than any Tradesman hath power to compell any *Chapman* whatever to buy or sell with him; the *Shipmaster* is left free in all and every such case, but all these things must not serve, the servants of the Lord must be *banished*, and they must carry them, (law or not law) else they must loose their Voyages, the *Rulers* wills must be done, and where a *deficiency* in Law is, or that it answer not fully their ends, then high words, and threatning speeches of *imprisonment*, and the like, must answer all defects; and so having wrought upon the *extremities* of these men, and they having consulted their losses, if they answer not *their* wills, and also having respect to their private gain, more then answering a good Conscience to God, an agreement is made, and so comes the *servants* of the Lord, to be *banished* from their native Country; the great God permitting it so to be: and haveing come over the *Shipmasters* as is said; again they enterprize the sending of seven more of the servants of the most High into **Exile**, and upon the 18. of the 2*d. month* 1665. was it suffered to be done; (and by the *Serviles* of *Newgate*, whose deligence in those things have been long experienced,) their Names are, *Tho. Gibson*, *John Tysoe*, *John Terry*, *Edward Maletrat*, *John Goodwin*, *John Hardin*, *Edward Boycot*: and from the Prison in the morning were six of these faithful Servants of the Lord drove down and led by the *Newgate Instruments* unto *Black-fryars Stairs*, where a *Barge* was ready to receive them, which was accordingly done; but *Thomas Gibson* refusing to yield an *active complyance* unto them, they prepared a *Coach*, and so fetched him out of Prison into it, and carried him down to *Tower-Wharfe*, where the *Barge* waited to receive him, and so he was put into the *Barge* amongst his Brethren, who were from thence carried to *Gravesend* and forced aboard in order to their **Banishment**. And dear *Thomas Gibson* whose life with the rest, and their faithfulness in their testimonies unto Gods living truth will be a pretious savour in Generations to come; and when their lives and sufferings with all their tryals, and faithfulness therein comes to be read and compared with the measure they have met

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withal, and received from their *Persecuters* of this Generation in which they lived, and did the will of God, surely, surely, praises, praises will be given unto God, by them that are yet unborn, and will bless God for this day; and so these *seven* faithful Lambs are gone by the permission of God into *exile*, and have for truths sake parted with Wives, Children, and Estates, to fulfill the Holy will of God who is blessed for ever.

Not many dayes after the embarquing of these faithful Brethren, the Lord shewed another notable example by cuting off that **grand Instrument Judge Hyde** by sudden death; who the Lord knoweth wrought much, yea very much of our *detriment*, both in our *imprisonments*, our *tryals*, and in *expediating* our *Banishment*: But he is gone to his place, and the fruits of the deeds in his life, is his food to *eternity*; and so I shall not particularize his several carriages to us in our *imprisonments* and *tryals*; but leave it to others to read over the lines of his life, which is written with *a point of an Adamant*: And about that time the Lord began to pour out his **plagues** in some of the out parts of the *City*, and then *Weekly-bills* began to declare the *Judgements of a just God*, and in a manner, as in his fear I may speak it, as they began to *banish* in small numbers, first 3. then 7. and afterwards greater numbers, as may by and by be declared; even so hath the *Judgments* of God *traced* that *malicious Spirit*, first in small numbers and so with greater, as any that will make the observation upon the *weekly-bills* of *Mortality* may find it so; *just and righteous O dreadful God are thy judgments, who hast judged thus.*

And not many weeks passed, but another experiment must be made, by sending away for *Banishment* now *eight*, malice encreasing one in number, the Names of these faithful innocent Lambs are *Rob. Allin, Tho. Kent, John Raunce, Tho. Hodg, Tho. Robins, John Johnson, Tho. Parker, Rich. Poulton*; all which were on the 26. of the 3*d. month* 1665. by those *emesaries* of *Newgate* forced out of Prison and carried to the old place *Black-fryars Stairs*, and there was a *Barge* prepared for them, into which they were pulled, and so from thence to *Gravesend* were carried, where they were by *violence* put aboard in order to *banishment*, and after some dayes lying in the *River* they were cleared at the *Blockhouse*, which would not be done till the *Shipmaster* made appear to the *Searchers* that he had the *Quakers* aboard, and so in the will of God, have these all born

faithful testimony unto Gods holy truth, and have set their seales unto it, by giving up freely both Wives, Children, and their all; and rather then transgress the way of God, have chosen to receive their lots with their Brethren into what place soever the Lord shall permit them to be cast, and have committed the truth of their cause unto a just God, who is now come to plead their *innocency*, with their and his adversaries; *and he will render vengeance upon the heads of them, and will smite hip and thigh, the whole host of the Uncircumcised*; and they shall know by his Judgments he is God and not another, and though these simple sheep when before your *Courts of judgment* (so called) might not have liberty to plead the truth of their cause unto you, but with *ironical*, *scoffing*, *jeering*, and *taunting* language, have *dispenced your wills* unto them, which is reckoned by you *good law*, but the righteous Judge hath looked down and beheld all these things; and when any one have but spoken a *sentence* of *Scripture* in defence of their just cause, you have *retorted* unto them these *unsavory*, *ungodly*, *unchristianlike* sayings, *hold your canting sirrah*, *hold your canting sirrah*; I, even I have been both eye and ear witness of these things, even to the grief of my very *soul*, that ever men that should sit in Court to execute the Lawes of this *Nation* should drop such expressions from their mouths; and in publique. But what shall I say, in an acceptable time is the Lord arisen to plead with the men of this Generation, when I have heard such language given by *old grey hair'd men*, that hath sate there to *judge*, I have said in my heart, *where are we arrived in this day*; *what*, *the Scriptures of truth called canting*, a language learned under *Hedges* by *Rogues* and *Vagabonds*, ah woe is me, is this the *reverence* you have to the *holy record* of *Scripture*, to call it *canting*, and in your *Courts* of *Judicature?* ah miserable men, what an example is this to them that comes to hear your wisdoms; and may not young men by your examples, turn meer *heathen* and *atheists*; but the Lord will awaken you, yea he will awaken you, to the confession of him, and likewise that Records of truth spoken forth through his Servants by the Spirit of God, in their day and Generation, who received such measure from the *Judges* and *Rulers* then in being, as we now do from you in this *Nation*.

But now I return unto my *Relation* to observe the dealings with my Brethren and Sisters in the *pestiferous Jakes* and *Prison* of *Newgate*, well, though notwithstanding the fury of the Lord smoaks, in this

this *City*, and his wrath is come up *to the* number **Thousands**; and he is cuting off in all parts, and his Judgments have even circumfered and beleagured it, and seeing it is the will of the Lord it shall be so; what saith the envious spirit, I *will double and treble the number of those that are under my hand and will drive them into* **exile**; and in order thereunto a *Shipmaster* a fit *servile* for such an employment is found, who as it is said of him, will *banish* his neerest Relations for moneys; and a contract is drove with him; for *no less* then 60. innocent men and women, or thereabouts, to receive them into his *Ship*, to dispose of them whetherto he is bound, and there to leave them to starve and perish; *O mercyless Rulers, is this your Retaliation for the return out of your distress, the Lord if it be his will shew you more mercy then you shew unto his people*; and a day is ordered for the dispatching of this poor flock away out of their Country, and so as aforesaid, in a morning with very short warning was these friends about some 56. or 58. by the old *serviles* of *Newgate* taken forth and carried down to the same place, by 10. 8. and sometimes more in a company through the streets, some drove and some led to the Waterside untill they had got the number spoken into the *Barge* prepared for them, and so away they were rowed down to a place called *Bugbeys Hole* beyond *Greenwich*, where the *Ship* rode, and when they came unto the *Ship* these Instruments of *Newgate* did not find all things so ready to their hands, nor they in the Ship so willing as themselves were, to do their masters drudgery; the Seamen being some of them more considerate, refused to lay hands on them except they were willing; and these poor sheep declared their unwillingness to yield any *active complyance* unto them; so a great *busle*, and **hurly burly** was made, and many words used, *magistrate like*, by some of the *Emissaries* there, yet for all that, cared not the Seamen; so there was a cry to hand out the *Tekel* to hoist them up, and answer was made as I heard, *that if they were Merchants Goods, they would do so*; Answer was given again, *they were the Kings Goods*: But in the end, the *Newgate* servants was faine to fall to work, and *with* much ado they got four of this number aboard, and then being tyred, the rest were let alone, and after sometime was returned to *Newgate* again, where they for sometime was kept Prisoners. This was done the 20. day of the 5*th*. Month call'd *July* 1665. yet notwithstanding all this and the return of these innocent persons to their old Habitation, in which many of

our dear Friends have loſt their lives *through the mercies of the Rulers of this Generation, which are altogether cruelties*; and theſe things related, are tokens and marks of them, eaſie to be read of all that fear the Lord, and have any bowells of tenderneſs in them; and when they were there, ſafe they were, untill the envious ſpirit got another opportunity, which with ſome ſmall induſtry was purchaſed, and now ſeeing, the *Emiſſaries* of *Newgate* could not effect their work, recourſe was had unto the *Military power*, and ſo a company of *Redcoats* muſt execute this *barbarity*, I have known a day when your very ſelves *O Rulers*, have cryed out upon *Redcoat law*; but that is forgot with you now, it ſeems you think fit it ſhould be miniſtred unto us, God Omnipotent judge between us and you in this matter, and ſo things being thus ordered, and the Lord permitting them ſo to be; a day was appointed, which was on the *4th. day* of the *6th. month* called *Auguſt* 1665. **O malice**, thou **monſter**, will nothing *ſatisfie but the ſlaughter of the Soul, through betraying the life of God by bowing and falling down to thee, or the death of the body, Lord thy will be done, and to do thy will, are we freely given up, either to live or to die, ſo thou be'ſt honoured Holy Father, thy name* **magnified**, *and thy truth* **exalted**, *above all* **deceipt, hypocriſie**, *and all manner of* **prophaneneſs**: And in the morning early great was the preparation, and all or moſt that belonged to *Newgate* that could either lay hand of *arme* or *leg* was ſummoned to help to get this poor flock a *Shipboard*, and to their work they went, and as uſually they did, ſo now; ſome they led, ſome they drove in numbers according as the drivers thought beſt for their eaſe, and thus they got them to the Waterſide, and into the *Barge*; and this in the face of the *City*, in whoſe ſtreets the *bills* of *Mortality* were the day before handed that ſignified the *cuting off by death* 3014. and ſo as they have encreaſed the numbers for **Baniſhment**, the Lord hath increaſed his **Plagues** amongſt them; and this *O thou ſinful City, thou wilt both obſerve and conſider in time*; and thoſe faithful ſouls were from thence rowed again to the ſame *Ship* to *Bugby's-Hole* as aforeſaid, and many Friends did accompany them to the *Shipſide* in other *Boats*, and after *the Barge* a couple of men belonging to *Newgate*, follows in *Boats*, having *Souldiers* with them, which I ſuppoſe they purchaſed at the *Tower* to *perpetrate* that wicked work in hand; our *Boats* lying near the *Ship*, an out-cry was made by one of them, *get you further from the Ship, or elſe we will ſink you*; but Friends regarded

ded not what they said, but lay stil keeping as ne'r the *ship* as they could. So these two *Newgate Champions* entring the *Ship* with their *armed Men* commanded by a *Sarjeant* or *Coporal* or some such fellow, it matters not what; his demenour shewed himself to be a *Bruit*, and having made way in the *Ship* the Seamen were called, but few or none would lay hand on them, only two or three *Vassals* that were hired to help for that piece of service, did shew themselves as they were; so they placed themselves for the conveniency of their work, then the *Souldiers* descended into the *Barge* and began to lay hold on Friends, and *draged* them forward, and some they *kickt* and *punch'd*, and heaved up many by *Legs* and *Arms*, and some they drew up with Ropes fastened about their middles, like pieces of Timber, and so tumbled them into the *Ship*, and thus in an hours time or thereabout they had finished their work, they served *Men* and *Women* all alike, either lifted them up by *violence* or hoisted them up by *tekell*, and those two above mentioned, standing in the wast of the Ship, gave directions and orders, and well pleased they were in that *dismal sight* to see Men drawn up like Cattle, and scoffingly they were observed to say, *hand out the tackle to draw up the Kings goods*, and *take in the Kings goods*, and this was their game and pastime, they made over the bodies of these Servants of the Lord, the sight of which caused exceeding grief in Friends who were Spectators of this *Tragedy* lying by the Ship side, O wofull wretches that sport your selves in such *Inhumanities*, as was there exercised, for you *two* above all the rest of *Newgate Instruments*, you should not have sported your selves in that manner, for its known to you that *when profession in the Congregated way was in fashion*, you were for none of this work, and when *one* of you was a *Disciple* of *Parson Griffith* then none of this, but *the Hypocrite God will judge and recompence with his just* **Plagues** *as well as the prophane*, and thus was this great piece of wicked work, finished by the Instruments abovesaid, and so are these Servants of the most High exposed to cruel *Banishment*, having left behind them a good report for their faithfulness to the Lord, and a good savour is their Testimony for God's Truth unto all that have any sence of him in them.

The Names of those Friends last *Banished* both Men and Women, being in number 55. are,

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Men Friends,

Peter Pennington.
Henry Tayler.
Thomas Hubbert.
Roger Roberts.
Edmund Berkley.
William Mathews.
Digory Marshall.
Vincent Gerrard.
John Noble.
Nathaniel Harding.
William Parker.
Thomas Rose.
Lawrence Aplin.
Francis Tersey.
Thomas Cox.
Manasses Howard.
John Chaplin.
John Clause.
William Newman.
Robert Pate.
Lawrence Fullove.
James Pierce.
William Tillet.
Christopher Dickeson.
John Fox.
Thomas Stoaks.
Thomas Clark.
Bartholomew Hall.
Richard Thomson.
James Kirton.
Edward Walker.
John Gabb.
John Horsey.
Matthew Jackson.
Edward Lee.
Arthur Baker.
William Roberts.

Women Friends,

Deborah Harding.
Anne Priest.
Elizabeth Ivers.
Anne Horniblow.
Rose Atkins.
Elizabeth Fisher.
Anne Mercer.
Jane Powell.
Mary Middleton.
Rachel Jackson.
Christian Ford.
Elizabeth Pike.
Elizabeth Harding.
Rebecka Trump.
Anne Royley.
Dorothy Hall.
Patience Willson.
Margaret Jackson.

Banish'd in all 72. remains in Prison sentenced for Banishment about 72.

And these are part of those *inhumane usuages* which the people of the Lord (who are by *violence* drove out of their native Country into *exile*) have sustained and received from the hands of their *Rulers*, and those instruments that are imployed in the execution of their Law last made for that purpose, being the progress of thirteen months or upward, in the execution of it; and it is little taken

taken notice of by our *Persecutors*, how many *Widdows* and *fatherless Children* they have made by this their cruel work in this time; But now the Lord is *retaliating* into their bosomes, and is measureing unto you, as you have measured unto us, and many *widdows* and *fatherless* will he make, for our sakes, yea for our sakes; therefore be not deceived, our innocency is assuredly come before the Lord, and our cryes are heard, and he is recompencing of your works into your hands that you have wrought these many years; and what will you say, it is the *great God* that pleads with you; O *London*, *London*, thou maist remember a few years since thou was sporting thy self and making merry, thy *Inhabitants* was even *distracted* with vain joy; Remember thy wasting of Gods good Creatures, upon thy *lust* and *drunkenness*, thy *Bonfires*, thy *Rosteing of good meat in the street, and basting it with kenel dirt and water*; the worst morsel of which, thousands and ten thousands would be glad of, and many for want of these things perish now; and remember thy *vain shews erected in the high places of thee*, when no less then about 600. *of the servants of the Lord were in prison* in and about thee, looking through the *Grates* of thy *Prisons*, and even panting for very air: In that very day the servants of the Lord did bear that burthen of all your ungodliness, under which many walked up and down more like to *shadowes* then *men*, even to see what would become of your wayes, in which you were *posting* and *gadding* like wild *Cattle*; what think you, was *God served* therein, or the *Devil*? By this time many thousands in thee are sensible of the provocations wherewith you provoked the Lord in that day; but in all those actions the mighty God beheld you, and also his servants who had done no injury to any of you at all; notwithstanding that all must be cooped up in your *Prisons*, till you had offered your wicked *heathenish sacrifice* unto your *lusts* in that day you were told by many of the day that hath now overtaken thee, *O London*, and thou did'st not believe it; but however now thou both seest it, and feelest it to be true, and now instead of healths which thou vainly drunk to men in thy *Bowles* and *Cups*, *thou hast* sickness from the hand of the Almighty; and instead of thy *mad joy*, thou hast handed to thee a cup of *deep sorrow*; and them thou *deified* O *City* in *that day*, and for whom these things were wrought, hath now left thee in the very middest of thy misery. And now consider *O London*, is it not better to trust the Lord than man, whose breath is in his Nostrils; *some*

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put their trust in Princes, some in Horses, but it is good to trust the Lord: and had'st thou considered this in thy former day, well had it been with thee; and as for those that did help to prompt on thy ungodlyness in that day, those they were that by their *Oaths, execrations* and all abominable wretched practises, in *whoring* and *drunkenness* and what not; in their *Feathers* and *strange fashions*; have these relinquished thee also, it had been well thou hadst never known them, but however this memorial they have left behind them, *even their shameful spewings*, yea their *shameful spewings in every corner of thy Streets*: And for all this the servants of the Lord undergoes more cruelties from *Thee* and thy *Rulers* then ever; what do ye account we were born and brought forth as Men and Women to be destroyed; was this the end the Lord gave us life for, think yee? and do you think it is our portion to spend our dayes in your *Prisons?* what, because the thing hath been continued, and is common; therefore, you look upon it, it is but right it should so be, and so from the *Womb* unto the *Tomb*, this is our portion from your hands.

And thus we have been all along, and are made the very *Prey* of a company of *Rapine fowle*, and *Fleshcrowes*, who *teareth our flesh from our bones, and drinks our bloods in your stinking Jakes* and *Prisons*. But dear God, it is for thy dear truths sake that we undergo these things from the Men of this Generation. O *glorifie, glorifie* thy self holy Father in all these things that have been suffered to befall thy Saints and servants in this age, we know holy God it is because they know not thee, they do these things unto thine, for did they know thee, they would fear thee, and if they did fear thee, then they would love thee; and if they did love thee, then would they love thine: Righteous God, because they know not thee, therefore they know not us; for thou hast made known thy self in us, and so come we to bear thy Heavenly Image; O *magnifie* thy name *great God*, and let all confess unto thee, unto thy mercies, unto thy *Judgments* unto thy Righteousness; unto thy *forbearance* and *mighty patience*, unto thy *loving kindness*, unto thy *truth*, for thou art God most mighty, even God of Heaven and Earth, and there is none besides thee; in Earth or Heaven, the Gods of the Earth are not able to stand, in thy judgment. O powerful God make thy power more and more known amongst the Sons and Daughters of Men, that they may learn thy fear; that *Atheism* and *unbelief* may be rooted up in this Nation, and that plant of ungodliness O Lord pluck up, by thy

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mighty power that it be no more, and for thine holy God, who for thy truth sake are drove into *exile*; let thy sweet peace, which is a portion beyond utterance, answer all the wants they may in their body sustain, and increase thy love in *them*, so will they love one another; and Righteous God be with all thine whom thou hast gathered into thee either in bonds or at liberty, for all thine are one flesh and one bone; in faithfulness let all persevere, thy great name *magnifie*, O God exalt thy truth above all *National inventions*, which they frame and constitute unto thee (O spiritual God) for worship, thou art a Spirit, therefore by *art* thou art not worshipped; and though men chuseth it, and ordereſt it for thee, it is because they know thee not; and imagines thee to be like themselves; *Arts* and *inventions* may please Men, but thou art not pleased with them, thou chuseſt thy worship thy self, thou seekeſt thy Worshippers, holy God, out of all visible things is thy Worship, in the invisible thou art both known and seen, and all that comes to know thee and to see thee, must come into the invisible, and when they come there then shall we be known of them as we are known of thee, and then no more *Persecution* but *Love*, which is thy begotten, which is thy express Image, O mighty God honour thy Self, Glorify thy Self, Magnifie thy Self, and advance and exalt thy deer Truth over all, O thou art worthy of all praise from thee in thine, Blessed to Eternity.

POSTSCRIPT.

Notwithstanding the sore Calamity that is by the hand of a most righteous God inflicted upon this City, and that the last weeks Bill declared 3014. *yet for all this, and in this time they seized our Meeting in* Joneses *at the* Peele, *and took away the most of Men friends, amounting to the number of about* 25. *and carried them to be examined before* George Monck, *called* Duke *of* Albemarle, *who after one nights been there their names being taken, but not being brought before him, was disposed of*

to Prison, some to the Gate-house, *and some to* Newgate, *where they remain Prisoners for the testimony of Gods holy Truth, and though they had sent fifty five of the Servants of the Lord into cruel exile last week, as it were to make an experiment of these actions, and as I have heard it reported, that some should say, that if the* Quakers *were sent out of the Land, it would be the onely expedient of stopping the* Plague, *but behold what an effect it hath wrought, and how the Lord hath dealt in this cause, that this week since this hath been done* 1016. *is increased in the Judgement in this Bill, for no less then* 4030. *is cut off which this Weeks Bill declares, and so such Diviners, if it were so spoken by them, are false and lyars, for they see a contrary effect, and those that causeth these our cruel and unjust sufferings, may well observe the hand of a retaliating God upon you, and except they intend to take vengeance upon the most High, I am yet to learn their intentions in this matter, O poor Mortals that thus striveth against the God of Heaven, what shall I say, a Lamentation, a Lamentation, yea a bitter Lamentation is to be taken up for you.*

ENGLANDS

ENGLAND'S sad Estate and Condition lamented in this just Complaint taken up against the greatest part of her Inhabitants, *Because of their great* Abominations, *and* Treacherous Dealings, *both with* God *and* Man; *For which cause the* Terrible *and* Righteous Judgments *of the Lord are coming upon them, and the Land.*

wherein is also contained some PROPHESIES *and* EXHORTATIONS.

OH ENGLAND, *England*! The *Abominations* of the greatest part of thy *Inhabitants*, who can declare them! They have reached Heaven, so as they are come up before the Lord, the Jealous God, and *Wo* unto that part of thy *Inhabitants*, who have sinned out the Day of their *Visitation*, and have wholly slighted the Day of *God's patience*, and *long Forbearance*, and would have none of his *Reproof*, but have altogether rejected the same, and have made a mock at *Sin*, & have sported themselves with their own *Deceivings* and *Lusts*, and have gone a Whoring from under the God of their Lives: Wherefore thus saith the Lord, the onely God: *I will make such become a Hissing* and *Reproach, and my Anger they shall not be able to Escape, because of their provoking Abominations*, and *Treacherous Dealings both with* Me *and* Man.

Oh *England, England!* How have, and yet do, a great part of *thy Inhabitants* Rush into *Idolatry*, and all manner of *Profaness* and grievous *Abominations*, even as the *Horse* and *Mighty* Rush into the Battel! How do they drink in *Iniquity* even as the *Ox*, or *Parched Ground*, drinketh in Water! Oh! What manner of *Lamentation* shall I make for thee, my *Native Countrey*! Or, What manner of *Complaint* may I take up against a great part of thine *Inhabitants*, who have long Sought, and yet seek thy *Ruine* and *Destruction!* Verily, their Actions have Declared them to be like the

Inhabitants of *Sodom*; Yea, their sins have rendred them to be as bad as those of *Gomorrah*. O they have *Vexed* the Righteous Soul; Yea, and they have *Grieved* the Spirit of the Lord from *Day* to *Day* with their *Unjust Conversations*. They have multiplied their *Transgressions*, and heaped up their *Iniquities* till they are become as the Sand on the Sea-shore without Number. Oh! The Lord hath long striven with them; yea, He hath also long born their *Iniquities*, He would have gathered them to himself out of their *Abominations*, Yea, he would oft have healed them, but they would not; but they have stiffned their Necks, and hardned their Hearts against the Lord and his Counsel day after day, and have chosen their own *way* and *works* even to their *own hurt*, and would by no means be reclaimed; for when the Lord hath reproved them (by the Light of his Son in their own consciences) and set their sins in order before their eyes, they have *stopped* their *Eares*, and *closed* their *Eyes*, and willfully Rebelled against the Power of God, and trampled upon his Witness [the Light in them] as a thing of nought, counting it not worth the taking Notice of. And when the Lord hath raised up *Prophets*, *Children*, and *Servants*, and sent them out, Commanding them *to lift up their Voyces like Trumpets*, *to shew the People their Transgression*, *and to Preach Repentance and Amendment of Life*: Yea, *to warn and exhort them to turn from their Sins to God, and to lay before them their great abominations, and to Prophesie what should come upon them, if they would not turn from the evil of their Doings*. Oh! how have a great part of *thy Inhabitants Scorned*, and *Derided* these! Yea, how have many of *thine Inhabitants Beaten*, *Whipt*, *Stock't*, *Stoned*, and *Imprisoned* some of these *till Death*, for bearing their Testimony for the Lord against *a Crooked* and *Perverse Generation*, who *hate* such as speak *uprightly*, and *abhor* such as *reprove Sin* in the Gate, that so it is even thus come to pass in thee, *O England*, *That he that departeth from Iniquity, maketh himsef a Prey* to this Generation of *Evil doers*, whose hearts are set upon their *Lusts*, *Idolatry*, and *grievous Abominations*! and the Lord hath beheld it, and it pleaseth him, because there is *no true Judgment*: for these evil doers are *all* gone out of the way; yea there is *none* of them that regard to do the thing that's *Just* and *Good*, any further than it may be *advantagious* to their own *Corrupt Designes*.

Oh *England*, *England*! How oft hath the Lord God smote *thy*

Rulers

Rulers and *Mighty*, and *Proud Men!* how oft hath he laid their Honour in the Dust! Yea, How oft hath he *Overturned* and *Confounded* thy *Mighty Men*, even thy *Men* of *War*, with thy *Princes*, *Nobles*, and *Captaines* of Thousands, Hundreds and Fifties! Oh how oft hath he *Overturned thy Governments*, and *Changed thy Governours*! But how few of them have so *regarded the Out-goings* of the Lord in all these things as they ought to have done? And how few of them have rightly *Weighed* and *Considered* the Causes for which the Lord hath brought or suffered so many *Changes* in the Land? Or, have those who saw the causes that provoked the Lord of hosts thus to Act, laboured so to remove them as they ought to do (or might) have done? Nay, Assuredly they have not; for the *Lusts* of this World, and the *Pride* of Life hath blinded the minds of most; and such who have seen what their duty was, the *honour of this World*, & that cursed *self-interest* hath stopped and hindred most of them from doing those things which they saw they ought (and which they had opportunity also) to have done. Oh! How have the *new Governors* in almost every *Change* of *late*, cryed out of the *Tirany* and *great Oppression* of those whom they did succeed? and, how have most of them *Vowed* unto God, *Declared* to, and *Promised* the People, *That they would Remove the Burdens and Oppressions that the foregoing Rulers had laid, and continued upon them:* But *alas!* very few of them, have regarded *their Vowes*, *Declarations*, *and Promises*, either *to God* or *Man*; but in *Treachery* and *Deceit* have they gone on, Serving themselves and their own Lusts, and not the Lord nor their Generation faithfully: For, although many of them have been very *large in promises* and *good words*, (whereby they have long sought to deceive the hearts of the People) yet it is but very *Little* that hath been done for their *true Liberty*, because that wicked Spirit, which seeketh to make it self great by the ruine of others, hath *Ruled*, and doth yet *Rule*, in the hearts of many Rulers; and this is of the Devourer and Destroyer, who cannot *forgive Enemies*, but Crys out of *Rebellion* and *Treason*, labouring to exasperate the Spirits of Others, that so occasions may be gotten, if possible, against them, thereby to bring them under, and keep them in Bondage.

Oh *England*, *England*! Such is thy sad *Estate* and *Condition*, that severall of thy *Rulers* are, and have been, as *roaring Lyons*, even greedy to *Devoure*; And many of thy *Teachers* have been, and yet are, like *Troops of Robbers*, Robbing and Spoiling of many of thine

Inhabitants. Oh! How have most of thy *Priests Temporized*, and *Daubed* with every Power, as they have come up in the *many Changes*! How have they encreased *Envy*, *Wars*, and *Destructions*, amongst thy *Rulers* and *People!* How have they *one-time Cryed up*, and *Prayed* for the *same Thing*, which, at *another time*, they have *Cryed down*, and *Prayed against!* Oh! Who shall ever believe them? Their *god* is their *belly*; and who is it that many of them would not Joyn unto, if thereby they might be upheld in *Pride*, *Idleness*, and *Fulness*? How oft would they *Change again and again*? And, what *Idolatry* is there that many of them would not Run into for their *Bellies sake*? Ah poor Nation! Are they not yet striving to kindle a Flame within thy Bowels? Hath not the Lord divided them? and, are they not labouring with all their might to *Divide* and *Rend* thy Inhabitants yet *more* and *more?* Yea, surely, and it is Just with the Lord to suffer it to be so; because of the greatness of their *Abominations*, which are daily encreased.

Ah poor Land! How art thou overspread with *Wasters* and *spoilers!* who like *Caterpillars* devour thy *Pleasant Fruit*. Oh! the *Whoredoms* and *Idolatries*, that are daily committed and acted in thee, Who can Declare them! Oh! thy *Chief City*, thy *Chief City*, that *bloody City!* Can its *Abominations* be *Parallel'd* in the Earth! Surely it hath Exceeded *Sodom* in Wickedness. The Lord is very *Angry* with a great part of its Inhabitants, and his *Vengeance* is nigh to come upon them. *Wo unto you Whoremongers*, *Drunkards*, *Gluttons*, *Swearers*, *Cursers*, *Blasphemers*, *Cheaters*, and *Idolaters!* *Wo unto you*, *Proud*, *Wanton*, and *Prophane*, *Vain Persons!* *Wo unto you*, *Mountebanks*, *Stage-Players*, *Bear-baiters*, *Gamesters*, and all manner of *Abominable Workers*, and you that Build up *Towers*, *Scaffolds*, and *Vain Heathenish Representations* and *such like*; and make and garnish *Images*, to draw peoples minds after *Idolatry*, and for your *Cursed Gain* and *Lusts*, in pretence of *Honouring your King*. Oh! How are people drawn into *Gazing* and *Wondring* after these *Abominations*! It grieveth the Righteous Soul to behold such great *Wickedness*! Oh! You *Wicked* and *Abominable Workers*, and *Devourers* of the Creation! The Lord God will meet with you in a time when ye are little aware of Him, He'l *Stain your Pride*, *Vain Glory* and *Idolatry*, and give you your Portion amongst *Devourers* (except you speedily Repent) and your *Abettors*, *Strengthners*, and *Helpers forward* of such Ungodliness (that do it knowingly)

ingly) and *Delighters* therein, The Lord will not acquit you, He'l ſmite you for theſe things, and that right ſoon. Oh! Ye, *Idolatrous people*, Do you think, that the Lord God of Pitty and Patience, ſuffered your King to Hide himſelf from his Enemies *in an Oake*, for that end, that ye might *Devour* his Creatures in makeing an *Idol of it?* Is this the uſe you make of that which you ſay was *Gods Mercy* towards you? Is not this the way to turn thoſe things, that might have been Mercies to you, into Plagues and Judgments? Oh! How do you daily *provoke* the Lord againſt *Your ſelves*, and your *King*? Oh! You *wicked Workers*, How dare you make *Repreſentations* of *Deſtruction* and *Ruine*? How dare you make a Sport of ſuch things? Verily, *your provocations* are great, wherewith *you provoke* the *Juſt God*; And it will be Juſt with him to bring *Ruine*, *Deſolation*, and *Deſtruction* upon *you* and your *City*; Verily, great is the Judgment that is nigh you, and your ſins draw it on you apace. Do you think that the Lord caſt out *Back-ſliders*, *Hypocrites*, and *Unfaithful men*, to ſet up and eſtabliſh *Idolaters* and open *Prophane perſons?* Nay ſurely: Therefore *Tremble* ye *Wicked Workers*, and *Howle* ye *Prophane Idolaters*, for the *Mighty* and *Terrible day* of the Lord *is near* to break out upon you. Thus ſaith the Lord God, I'le *Scatter*, I'le *Scatter*, I'le *Split*, *Divide*, and *Separate*: I'le *Break* and *Daſh* to *Pieces*, *and none ſhall be able to Gather*, *Bind up*, *or Joyn together: For mine Anger is kindled*, *and my Jealouſie ſhall burn till I have devoured mine Enemies*, ſaith the Lord.

Therefore ye people of *England* (that yet live in wickedneſs) who have not wholly ſinned out the day of your *Viſitation*, To you I now ſpeak; you that feel the Lord yet ſtriving with you; O *Return*, *return* ſpeedily unto the Manifeſtation of his Spirit, whereby he ſtrives with you, to ſhew you your *Abominations*, and to draw and lead you out of the ſame; O be not ſtill *Stiff-necked*, but hearken to the Word of the Lord, which ſheweth you the thoughts and Intents of your Hearts, and hearken and be obedient to the Call thereof, that ſo by its power you may *Haſten* out of *Babylon*, both *Young* and *Old*, *Rich* and *Poor*, *High* and *Low*, *Noble* or *Ignoble*, *Profeſſor* or *Profane*, who yet are there; For the Lords Controverſie is great with *Babylon* her *Merchants*, and *Inhabitants*, and he will not much longer ſpare, but he will ſuddenly ſmite, and none ſhall be able to hinder his ſtroak: Yea, yea he will *wound* and none ſhall be able

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to heal; For the *measure* of her *Iniquities*, *Idolatries*, and *Whoredoms* are *nigh full*, and the Wine of her Fornications, hath caused the Fatts to overflow, and she is come up into remembrance before the Lord, the Just God, who will Plague her and all her *Merchants* and *Inhabitants* according to their *Abominations*, whereby they have grievously provoked *Him*, Therefore, come out of her, whilst Mercy and Time is offered, lest you perish with her in her Judgments, which the Lord is Strongly and Swiftly bringing upon her.

Oh *England*, *England*! A day of *Sorrow* and *Calamity* is comeing upon many of thy *Inhabitants*, I have long been sensible of it; even a day of such *Breaking*, *Confusion* and *Judgement*, as hath not been *for a long space*; For thy People have wearied out the Lord *with their iniquities* and grieved his holy Spirit *with their abominations*, days without number.

Oh *England*, *England*! The Lord hath a *precious* and *Holy Seed* in thee; Yea, He hath a *Remnant*, which he hath raised by his Power to, & for himself, which are exceeding precious in his sight; and these a great part of thine Inhabitants have *Shamefully entreated*, and *grievously oppressed*, and *persecuted*; And they have *patiently* born the same, and have laboured in the Life of *Innocency*, and Spirit of *Emanuel*, to Inform thy *Rulers* and *People* in the Things that are *Just* and *True*, and have shewn them the *Wayes* which have, and do *Displease* the Lord, and have Exhorted and Warned the Inhabitants, Time after Time: But notwithstanding their *Doctrine*, *Lives*, and *Conversations* have manifested their *Innocency* and *Uprightness* of *Heart* before God and Man, yet have many of thy *Rulers*, *Priests*, and *People*, *Oppressed* them *more* and *more*; Some *Spoiling their Goods*, others *Imprisoning their Bodies*, in filthy *Holes* and *Dungeons*, till Several of them have Sealed their Testimony for the Lord with *their Blood*, which cryeth *for Vengeance* in the Ears of the Almighty, and the Lord hath heard the Cry thereof, and hath looked down and beheld the *Actings* of the Sons of men, and he is near to Visit; Yea, the Lord hath *beheld*, and doth *behold*, the Snares that have been, and are laid for the Innocent, who have no other Helper but him alone; and therefore they have Commited their Cause unto him who shall bring it to pass; Yea, he hath taken Notice, how several of thy *Rulers* have combin'd together, and endeavoured *to Force* his *Babes* to Violate his Royal Law, and to Break his Command (who saith, *Swear not at all*) to Uphold and

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Obey theirs, which is Contrary to his; Yea, He hath taken notice of the *Cruel Sufferings*, and great *Temptations* of his People, who, many of them, are *yet Imprisoned*, and both their *Bodies* and *Estates* threatned to be destroyed (by some evil Men) if they will not break the Royal Law and Commandment of Christ, which he hath placed in their hearts to Obey & Do. Oh! The Lord hath seen the *Partiality* and *evil Intents* of several of the *Judges* and *Rulers* of this Land, who have had Power to let the Innocent go free, and yet keep many of his *Ministers* and *Servants* (many of which have outward Estates) Prisoners in many places; although they have no more against them, than against those whom they have turned forth, which is nothing else but for their Obeying the Command of Christ in them, (who this day saith unto his People, **Swear not at all**, as he said to his Disciples formerly) and for *meeting together*, and *Speaking* and *Praying* in his Name, for the *Edifying*, *Comforting* and *Building up one another in their most holy Faith*. The Lord hath also taken notice, that when some of the Rulers might Relieve *the Innocent*, and let *the Oppressed go free*, they will not; and then to cover themselves, they wil say, *They cannot act contrary to the Law*: But when a Ruler will act that which he hath no Law for, he can then plead *a Prerogative Royal for that*: and thus are the innocent Lambs of Christ made a Prey upon.

Oh! the **Oppressions** of his People, and others, are great this day in thee, O Land; and the Crying of the *Fatherless*, the *Widows* and the *Needy* is come up before the Lord God of Compassion, who will thorowly plead the Cause of his People, and the Poor and Needy of the Land.

Oh *England*, *England*! I have oft heard and treasured up what the Lord hath said in me, concerning thy Inhabitants; but now must I declare it in the Appointed Season, Thus hath the Lord spoken in me for a long time, concerning thy Inhabitants, saying, *The People are* **too many**, *the People are* **too many**; *I will* **thin them**, *I will* **thin them**: [Mark] that is, *He will make them* **fewer**, for they cumber the Ground. And the spirit of the Lord hath oft signified unto me, for a long time, *That an* **Over-flowing Scourge**, yea, *even an exceeding* **great** *and* **terrible Judgment** *is to come upon thee, O Land!* and that many in thee *shall fall* and be *taken away* in the Judgment; and the Spirit of the Lord signifieth unto me, that the *time draweth nigh*, and that the *Decree* of the Lord is so firm, that though some of the

Lords Children & Prophets could appear so, as to stand in the *Gap*, yet should not that alter his Decree, only in the Righteousness of the Lamb they shall be hid & saved from his Wrath, what ever may be done to any of their Bodies; but his fierce Wrath & Indignation shall be poured forth upon the Ungodly, and a *great Desolation* and *Destruction* shall there be; for he will **overturn** and **overturn**, till he hath *dis-throned* & *thrown down* the *Man of Sin*, & *exalted* & *established* the Kingdom of his *dear Son*, over all the Kingdoms of the world; and the *Kingdom* and *Dominion*, and the Greatness of the Kingdom under the whole Heaven shall be given to the Holy People, the Saints of the Most High, *whose Kingdom is an Everlasting Kingdom*, and all Dominions shall serve and obey him, who is King of Saints.

Behold, ye *Despisers*, and *Wonder!* This is the Work which the Lord will accomplish by his own Power, though you will in no wise believe it; but you shall feel, even both *Hypocrites* and *Prophane*, that the Lord is able to bring to passe the thing that is in his heart.

And you who now think *to set up* and *establish* your **Idolatry**, and to live in *Prophaness* without *control*; and you who appear *so hot* against some of these things, and labour to stop and pull them down (mark) that you might see up and establish your own *Hypocritical* **Will-Worship** in another *dark dead Form*, *I will frustrate* **you both**, saith the Lord God, and *you shall grind and waste* **one** *against* **another**, *as the* upper *and* nether *Millstone*; *And I will pluck out from you, and preserve a holy Seed, beyond expectation*; and I will *be avenged on you* for that which you have already *bruised*, or shall yet *bruise* [mark] And I will **hurry** and **hurl** *you round* with a mighty *Stream*; for the Waters shall *roar* and *swell*: And after I have executed **my vengeance** upon the *Rebellious* and *Treacherous Dealers*, I will then bring forth the *Remnant* of my Holy Seed, which shall be *preserved* from their *Fury*, and they shall spread over all, in my Life, Power, Knowledge and Wisdom, wherein they shall stand in Dominion; Yea, and they shall rule the Earth in *Mercy*, *Justice*, and *true Judgement*; and they shall *forgive* and *love their Enemies* (as they do at this day) and do the thing that is *just* and *good* unto all, without *respect of persons*; yea, they shall seek the good of the whole Creation in *true love* and *self-denial*; for the Spirit of *Love*, *Meekness*, *Healing* and *Restoring* shall mightily fill their tender Bowels, and my Blessings shall fill their Dwelling-place, and the Earth, for their sakes:

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these things will I accomplish by my own Power, and in my own time, saith the Lord God.

But although these things, touching the holy Remnant, shall certainly be fulfilled in their Season, Yet before they be fully accomplished, great will be the Tryals of many of the Righteous, and there will be *great Judgments* executed in thee, O Land, by Him who oft-times maketh *a fruitful Land barren*, because of the *wickedness* of them that dwell therein; and Just will it be with Him to deal so with thee, because of the *great wickedness* of the greatest part of thy Inhabitants, who are departed and separated from the Spirit of Mercy, Love, Compassion and Healing, and are labouring to *Devour*, *Oppress*, and *Destroy* one another, and the whole Creation.

Oh *England*, *England!* There is also a People in thee who are come to see *the Great* **Idolatry** and **Superstition**, which many are now striving to revive and *set up* in thee; yea, there is a People in thee, which see and believe that the Worship which is now a setting up, with the *Vain* **Quick**, **Altars**, **Mass** in *English*, and the foolish needless **Garments** *of the* **Priests**, and such like *Popish stuff*, that these things are **Idolatry**, **Folly** and **Vanity**, *and but a mocking of God*; and yet some of these People will run after this *Vain Worship*, for **self-ends**, **slavish fear**, and to keep themselves in esteem with, or amongst those who plead for it: And others there are in thee, who instead of being sorrowful for such Abominations and Superstition, or reproving the Practicers thereof in the solid, seasoned, savoury Life and holy Dread of the Lord God, they write and speak *scoffingly* of those things, even to the stirring up one of another into *vain Laughter*, and so make a sport of others *Idolatry*; and this grieveth the Spirit of the Lord also, and doth not convince, but exasperate and harden those that are zealous for their *blind Worship* and *Superstition*.

There are also a great number of *brittle*, *fiery*, *rash*, *unsatisfied people* in thee, O Land, who are as *unstable* as Water, and these rebelling against the Light, not knowing the way of it, because they abide not in the path thereof, they are *restless*, *rouling*, and *raging* oft-times like the Sea; One time they will have a *Parliament*, and cry out, *They shall govern* and *heal them*; and when they have gotten them, in a short time they grow weary of them: And then another time, they will cry out for *a King*, and say, *He shall heal them*, and

make up their *Breaches*: But these people are not long of one mind, for they are much like the *Athenians*, who spent their time in little else but either *to tell* or *to hear of some New thing*: These People also are like mighty Tydes in thy Chanels, *O England*, which one while run with *Violence*, driving all *unsetled*, *light*, *unfixed* things *one way*, and shortly after run with as much violence the contrary way: Therefore in a miserable condition are those Rulers whose strength is in such a People! And untill Rulers come to be setled, and fixed in Him who is the *Rock of Ages*, and singly to rule in, and for Him, whom the Winds and the Seas obey, who maketh the Waters to stand on heaps and divided them hither and thither; and altereth the natural course of *Tydes* as he pleaseth (as he hath done thine of late, to shew thee the Figure of the People) they can neve safe, neither will the People be still'd long together; but there will be *Swellings*, *Ragings*, *Overflowings*, *sore Breakings and Ruines*.

Oh! that the *foregoing Rulers* would have been perswaded to have Received Him for their Teacher, who Ruleth in the Kingdoms of Men, then should they not onely have seen, what the Lord cast out others before them for, but they should have been taught how to have denied all those things which the *Lord* was angry with others for, and they should have received Power to have abstained from the same; but they would not hear and obey the Lord, nor his Prophets, and therefore were they cast out also.

And therefore, O! that the *Rulers* that now are, would be perswaded (whilst they have their Day) by the Lord and his Servants, to receive the *Lord Jesus Christ*, to be their **King** and **Teacher**, and then they should not onely see for *what cause* the Lord cast them out, and *others* in their Age, but they should be taught to *deny* and *forsake* all those *things* which God was angry with them, and others for, and they should receive Power to do those things, which they and others before them left undone; But alas! How few are there that will *Hear*, *Regard*, and *Obey* the Prince of Life and his Followers, and therefore is Desolation coming as a mighty Flood, which none shall be able to stop.

Now all People, in what Sect or Opinion soever, in whom there are any true *Breathings* and *Desires* after the Lord, and the way of his Holines, *Fear not*, neither *be dismaid*, because of the *Rage* that you may yet see the Waters of the Land in, and because of the *Confusion* and *Cruelty* of the People; But *stand still* in that Life which begetteth

getteth *Breathings* and *Thirstings* in you after the Lord, that you may come to see and feel his *Salvation*, and that you may be gathered into that *Patience*, *Meekedness*, *Contendedness*, *Rest*, *Peace*, and *Satisfaction*, which many of the dear Lambs and Children of my Father are gathered into, wherein they lye down, and none can make them afraid, though their Bodies and Estates be oppressed and abused. Oh! *Stick not*, *Stick not* in your *Formes* without *Power*, neither Flee the Cross, any longer; but wait in the True *Simplicity*, to feel God's hand of Tender Love, which he reacheth forth to, and manifesteth *in you*, to lead and guide your minds into his Pure Worship, which is in the Spirit and in the Truth. Oh People! This is the Worship that he will set up. He will be *LORD* and *LAW-GIVER* in the Consciences of his People, and those that will not be content that *EMMANUEL* should **Reign** over them, he will slay them with the *Sword* of the *Spirit*, **The Words of his Mouth.**

Oh! *Hearken*, *hearken* a little, and *stand still*, that you may hear the voice of the true Shepherd *in your own Hearts*, who calleth for Truth in the Inward Parts, and he will discover what lodgeth *Within*, and He will shew you the Way wherein you should walk, and he will let you see what the Cross is unto, and He will teach you when you are alone in your Beds, or where-ever you are; if you will receive Him who gives you Life and Breath, whose *gentle Reproofes* and *Instructions* are the Way of Life.

Therefore you in whom the *Breathings* and *Desires* after the *Lord* are; Consult not with *Flesh* and *Blood*, neither reason against the *Cross*, but submit to every Appearance of Gods Power in you, which appeareth to Crucifie the Fleshly Birth and Nature; which hath stood, and doth stand in Rebellion and Enmity against the Pure and Precious Life, and Requirings of the Lamb of God, that so that Mind which is at Enmity against God, and that Nature in *you*, which is disobedient to his Commands in Spirit, may come to be Crucified, that so there may be a Change Inwardly felt and witnessed, by the working of the mighty Power of Christ in your Inward parts; and then the *Desires* and *Breathings* which are Begotten in you after *Righteousness*, they will be strengthened, and the *Teachings* of the Almighty will be Truly known, and you believing in the Power, you will receive Power to obey and Practise what-

soever the Lord shall make known unto you by his Spirit to be his Will and Requirings.

Oh People! Let the **Dread** of the Lord *Seize upon your Spirits*, in this the Day of his Power, wherein he is *Trying*, *Sifting* and *winnowing* the Nations, and wait to feel that Life arise *within you*, which beareth *Testimony* against *all evil* **within** and **without**; that so yee may become more and more acquainted with the *Teachings*, *Drawings*, and *Leadings thereof*, that thereby you may be drawn and led out of those things which have kept your Souls in the Death, and hindred you from enjoying the Pure Peace of God. And this know and consider; that all that come to witness their Souls raised out of Death, and brought to enjoy the Peace of God, they must Believe in the Life of the Quickning Spirit, *which is the Second Adam, the Lord from Heaven*, who *for Sin* Condemneth *Sin in the Flesh*, and appeareth in the *Inward Parts* of man, to work *out sin* and *transgression*, (which hath Separated from God) and so to make clean the heart and inside of male and female.

Oh People! This is the Work of Christ the Son of God, even *to make* **manifest** and **destroy** the *works of the Devil*, and so to reconcile man unto God, by the Virtue of his *own Life*, which he gave *a Ransome* for many; and blessed are all those that believe in the Life of the Son of God, and feel & know it *manifested* **in their mortal flesh**: for they shall witness the Power of it to make all things new, and so their Souls will come up in the hand of God, and his Peace will be Received and Enjoyed.

Oh people! *Wait* to know, and feel this Work of Christ *within you*, that so you may be made able to stand in the Judgment, and to Endure the Tryal, and that you may be Hid from the Wrath of the Lamb, which is nigh to come upon the *Rebellious*. Oh! Consider this, Those that are his Followers, they come throw *many tribulations*, and their *overcoming* their Enemies is **by his Blood**, not by *a talk of it*, but by *the Virtue* and *power of it* sprinkled *in their Hearts*, which washeth and maketh them White, Clean, and without Fault before God. Oh People my *Bowels yearn!* my *Bowels yearn* towards you! whose *Desires* in any measure, are after the Lord: O that you would now Return with all your hearts unto Him, and obey the Voice of his Power *in you*; then should you be made able to stand, and endure the fiery Trial which is come and coming. Oh! the Day *hastens* wherein all *Profession* that is not grounded

grounded in the Life and Power of the Lord Jesus Christ (whatever the shew of it be) it will be so shaken, that an utter Blasting and withering shall come upon it; and for that cause the Lord doth, and will yet suffer great Trials to come, both upon the *Professors*, and *Possessors* of his Name; that so his *Children* [the *Possessors*] may be manifested unto all, and discerned from all that are but *Professors*, though never so fair and seemingly Covered; For all Coverings but what is of the Power and Spirit it self, shall be too Narrow; and all that are not Covered with the Spirit and Power of *Emmanuel*, their Shame and Nakedness shall appear more and more. This is the Testimony which the Spirit & Word of Truth giveth; therefore, *He that hath an ear to hear, let him hear*, before the day of his Visitation be wholly past, and the things belonging to his Peace be hid from his Eyes: For *yet a little while and the Voice shall be*, **He that is filthy, let him be filthy still**; *For the Spirit of the Lord shall not always strive with flesh*: but his **Plagues** and **Indignation** shall be poured out upon such as will not be *gathered* in the Day of his *Patience*, *long Forbearance*, and *Free-love*; and He or She that Loveth *Father*, *Mother*, *Husband*, *Wife*, *Children*, *House*, or *Land*, *Liberty*, *Honour*, or *any Thing* more than *the Life* of the *Lamb*, shall be counted not worthy of him, and plainly manifested so to be: *Read this who can*; *and he that can receive it, let him*: *For the Time draweth nigh that these Sayings must be fulfilled.*

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The End.

To the King,

And both Houses of PARLIAMENT,

Thus saith the Lord,

MEddle not with my People, because of their Conscience to me, and banish them not out of the Nation, because of their Conscience; For, if you do, I will send my Plagues upon you; aud you shall know that I am the Lord.

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